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In re Application of  
James O. Farmer, et al.  
Application No. 09/899,410  
Filed: July 5, 2001  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
COMMUNICATING OPTICAL SIGNALS  
BETWEEN A DATA SERVICE PROVIDER  
AND SUBSCRIBERS

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: DECISION ON REQUEST TO  
: WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY  
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This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record filed on September 4, 2002.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.

The request is **GRANTED**.

Josephine Young is granted the request for withdraw of attorney/agent.

The file is being returned to the examiner for consideration of the response filed September 17, 2002.

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